

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 23, 2011

The North Providence School Committee met on March 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Scungio, Dr. Donoyan, Mr. McNamee, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and carried to go into open session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

No comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the Monthly Financial Report is not available because the Munis System performed an upgrade and it will be forwarded to the Committee as soon as possible. However, Mr. McNamee will give a 2011/2012 Budget Summary Presentation. Mr. McNamee explained that the summary includes all the figures expended to date. Next he spoke about the proposed budget and outlined the summary. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments. Mr. Palmieri requested information regarding the savings for the 1033 Contract.

The Chair explained that there will be a Budget Workshop on April 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Home Schooling Requests.

Dr. Donoyan asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Home Schooling Requests by April E. Capron for Justin LaCroix – Grade 10 and Karen Galluccio for Ayanna Vongsithi – Grade 9. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-03-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent, the North Providence School

Committee vote to approve the Home Schooling Request as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, nay, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

3. Field Trip Requests.

Dr. Donoyan asked for advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Field Trip Requests as submitted and in accordance with School Committee Policy. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-03-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the field trip requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. 2011-2012 School Calendar.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the North Providence School Committee for approval of the 2011-2012 School Calendar as presented. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 11-03-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School

Committee vote to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Braver Agreement.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Braver Agreement Re: UCOA Compliance as submitted. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-03-07. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Braver Agreement. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and Mr. Marciano, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Athletic Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for the approval of the Athletic Policy (2nd reading) with one revision. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-01-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Athletic Policy (2nd reading) as submitted

with one revision. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

7. Junior Prom Contract.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for the approval of the 2012 Junior Prom Contract as presented. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 11-03-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the 2012 Junior Prom Contract as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Ms. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

8. NECAP Scores Presentation.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan for the presentation. Dr. Donoyan presented the NECAP District Results in Math, Reading and Writing. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments.

9. Race to the Top Presentation.

Superintendent Ottaviano turned the meeting over to Dr. Donoyan for the Race to the Top Presentation. Dr. Donoyan summarized the various slides outlining the RTTT Support System and goals.

Next, the Appointments were moved up on the Agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

5. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for the appointment of John McNamee as Interim Finance Director Effective February 22, 2011 and Anthony Santilli – Custodian – Birchwood Middle School (1st Shift) Effective March 21, 2011. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-3-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the following appointments: John McNamee as Interim Finance Director Effective February 22, 2011 and Anthony Santilli – Custodian – Birchwood Middle School (1st Shift) Effective March 21, 2011. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Superintendent's Contract – Mr. Palmieri.

This item was passed off the Agenda.

2. Administrators' Contracts – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri explained that the Committee agreed on some of the terms of the Administrators' Contracts and if anyone wants to meet, please contact Mr. Palmieri for a meeting.

3. Middle School Foreign Language and Math Curriculum – Mr. Palmieri.

Dr. Donoyan spoke about concerns with adding more teachers to the middle school language program due to the fiscal constraints as well as the curriculum time constraints. Members of the Committee asked questions and offered comments.

4. Maintenance of School Grounds – Mr. Marciano.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Mr. Milazzo for discussion of the Town's policy regarding the school grounds. Mr. Milazzo explained that the Town will no longer maintain the school fields and grounds. The Chair asked the Superintendent to send a letter to the Mayor asking for clarification and request a response within a certain deadline so that the Committee can budget the necessary costs.

5. Budget Concerns – Mr. Marciano.

This item was deferred until the budget workshop.

6. Addressing Parent Concerns – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri spoke about concerns regarding the process for addressing parent concerns and felt that there should be a process for parents so that they know that they can contact members of the School Committee. He also felt that there should be language in the handbook regarding the appeals process. Members of the Committee offered comments.

7. Elementary School Progress Reports – Mrs. Picard.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri that beginning in September of the 2011/2012 school year, mid-quarter uniform progress reports be implemented for all elementary students. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

8. Curriculum/Common Core Standards – Mrs. Picard/Mr. Palmieri.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta to request timelines

and plans to roll out our common core. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Dr. Donoyan requested that she be allowed until June to provide the timelines and plans.

9. Audit – Ms. Leva.

Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Mrs. Picard to move forward to conduct a full audit for 2010 and 2011 and get a legal opinion as to whether or not it has to go out to bid. Members offered comments regarding where the funds will come from. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, nay, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

10. Gas Conversion – Mr. Marciano.

Mr. Milazzo gave an update regarding the gas conversions.

11. Papers/Test Scores Returned to Parents – Mr. Palmieri.

The item was passed because the Superintendent took care of it.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Conte was not present to address the Committee.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Consideration of Awarding Bids.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee award the bid for Front Entrance Way Doors at Centredale, Greystone and Whelan to Custom Glass Co., Inc. and Fence Work at Greystone, Marieville and Centredale to United Fence Co., Inc. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-03-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to award the bid for Front Entrance Way Doors at Centredale, Greystone and Whelan to Custom Glass Co., Inc. and Fence Work at Greystone, Marieville and Centredale to United Fence Co., Inc. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Consideration of Resignations; Retirements; Leaves of Absence; Dismissals; Layoffs; Non-Renewals; Layoff Rescissions; Appointments/Other.

A. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the resignation of Michael Liguori – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS Effective at the end of the 2010/2011 School Year. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-3-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee accept the resignation as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

B. Retirements.

Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the retirement of Ronald D'Andrea as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 11-03-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee vote to approve the retirement of Robert Lynch with regret. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms.

Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

C. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests from Stacy Coleman – Elementary Teacher – Grade 3 – Marieville Elementary School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 21, 2011 through April 28, 2011 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective April 29, 2011 through June 22, 2011; Richard Gagnon – Secondary Science Teacher – NPHS Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 1, 2011 through March 9, 2011 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective March 10, 2011 through April 4, 2011; and Kym Hambly – 7/8 Grade English/Language Arts Teacher – Birchwood Middle School – Extension to an Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence Effective March 21, 2011 through March 25, 2011. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 11-3-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Leave of Absence Requests as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

D. Appointments.

The appointments were moved up in the Agenda.

E. Layoffs/Non-Renewals.

No layoffs/non-renewals were presented.

F. Tenure

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for advice and consent of the Committee to grant tenure to the following individuals: Justin Anzeveno, Alicia Charpentier, Pompea Imondi, Alison Kelly, Robert Kilduff, Natalie Lepore, Gina Sollitto, and Jill Usenia. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-03-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant tenure to the individuals as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 11-03-16. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted and subject to Mr. Milazzo's approval and the Sub-Committee's approval. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Next, Mr. Conte asked to address the Committee regarding the Birchwood and High School Baseball Fields. Mr. Conte asked for permission to fix the Birchwood Baseball Field and spoke about the costs. He asked the Committee to fund \$3,000.00 towards the repairs and the league would cover the rest of the costs. Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard to contribute \$3,000.00 towards the repairs at the Birchwood Middle School Field provided the Committee is able to find the money in the budget, that the quotes are provided and approved by Mr. Milazzo and that there are no conflicts with the school and has no impact on any games. A

roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, nay, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and Mr. Marciano, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 11-03-17. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the March 16, 2011 List of Bills in the amount of \$877,527.97. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and Ms. Leva as to Resolution No. 11-03-18. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the February 16, 2011 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair,

aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 11-03-18. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the Regular North Providence School Committee Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

Public comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Palmieri and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Margie Caranci,
Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: